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Committees the 2nd District had the extra member. And then I was checking with people who are more knowledgeable on history than I am as to when we went from four caucuses to three, and the first records that I have show in 1998, '97-98 is about when that took effect, after we went to the three caucuses on both of those, Committee on Committees and Executive Board, that's when the district looked really strange. Gerrymandering comes to mind. There were requests made. I don't want to be in whatever district; I want to be in the district that they requested. There were two or three people or maybe more that requested, since we're changing anyway, I would like to make a change. Those requests were accommodated. In 1997, the Executive Board, the 1st District Caucus had an extra member, and the Committee on Committees had an extra member. The same way in 1999. The 1st District had an extra member on Executive Board and the 3rd District had an extra member on Committee on Committees. And again, in the last two years, the 1st District and the 3rd District had the extra members. We...this amendment, I feel, is reasonable because it does try to address the requests of those members. We try to accommodate members' wishes on office changes. There were, as you all know, a lot of office changes this year. Committee Chairs were changed when they really might not, if you stuck strictly to the assignment on committee Chairs, they might not have changed. There were other committee Chairs who changed...or, I'm sorry, there were other committee Chairs who did not change. So we, again, accommodated their requests. That's what we're asking in this amendment to do, is accommodate requests. I think it is a reasonable request. Senator Mossey's district, in Sarpy County, is one of the fastest growing areas of the state and for sure, the next time that there is a redistricting, he will be metropolitan. So we are accommodating...trying to accommodate his request with this amendment, likewise with Senator Kremer. And if you look at the map that was passed out, a great deal of Senator Kremer's current area, if you would draw a straight north and south line, would be within the 1st District Caucus, so he is requesting that he be retained in the 1st District. I hope I haven't thoroughly confused you,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.